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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Sir:

In response to Office Action, dated 2002-04-04, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (clean copy)

Keep claims 5-9 and 11 unchanged; cancel claims 1-3, 10 and 12; and rewrite claims 4 and 13 as follows:

4. (Amended) A device for preventing unintentional removal of a slot in an end of a guitar strap from an engaged guitar strap peg of a guitar, wherein the engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar has a neck that extends from the guitar, to an end, and has a contour and a thickness, and wherein the engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar further has a head that extends radially outwardly from the end of